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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: SUMMARY REPORT FOR PERIOD JULY 3-9

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AGAIN THIS WEEK, EASTERN REPS IN
THE VIENNA FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS KEPT UP AN
ACTIVE PACE IN PRESSING THE MERITS OF THEIR JUNE 8
PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY

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2. IN THE JULY 4 INFORMAL SESSION OF THE VIENNA
TALKS, WESTERN REPS CITED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC
EXAMPLES TO DEMONSTRATE THE DEFECTS IN THE EAST'S
JUNE 8 PROPOSALS ARISING FROM THE FAILURE OF THOSE
PROPOSALS TO MAKE DUE ALLOWANCE FOR PERMANENT
EASTERN GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGES. EASTERN REPS

ATTEMPTED TO DISMISS WESTERN OBJECTIONS BASED ON
GEOGRAPHY AS IRRELEVANT AND NOTED, IN
PARTICULAR, THAT, IN SO FAR AS THEY CONCERNED
THE SIZE OF MANPOWER REDUCTIONS NOW BEING PROPOSED
BY THE EAST, THE WEST HAD NOT PROVEN ITS CONTENTIONS
ABOUT A SIZEABLE EASTERN NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY
IN THE REDUCTION AREA. EASTERN REPS WENT
ON TO PROMOTE THE TREATMENT OF ARMAMENTS AND
AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN THEIR JUNE 8 PROPOSALS AS
MAJOR CONCESSIONS. AS REGARDS ARMAMENTS, THEY
REITERATED THEIR PREFERENCE FOR THE ORIGINAL
EASTERN POSITION, BUT SAID THEY HAD DEFERRED
TO WESTERN RESISTANCE TO A RADICAL SOLUTION TO
THE QUESTION OF ARMAMENT REDUCTIONS. IN RESPONSE
TO FURTHER WESTERN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JUNE 8
PROPOSALS, EASTERN REPS APPEARED TO CONFIRM THAT
ARMAMENTS REDUCED BY WESTERN EUROPEAN DIRECT
PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE EASTERN APPROACH COULD
BE STORED IN THE AREA AND WOULD BE PLACED UNDER
A NUMERICAL LIMITATION ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
SUCH EQUIPMENT IN BOTH ACTIVE DUTY UNITS AND

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STORAGE.

3. DURING THE BALANCE OF THE SESSION, ADDITIONAL MANPOWER DATA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WERE EXCHANGED. EASTERN REPS ONCE MORE ALLUDED TO WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THE REPETITIVE NATURE OF SOME OF THE LATEST WESTERN DATA QUESTIONS. THEY ALSO REPEATED THEIR SUGGESTION THAT THE SUBMISSION OF WESTERN ESTIMATES OF FORCES OF INDIVIDUAL WARSAW PACT DIRECT PARTICIPANTS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO IDENTIFYING THE REASONS FOR EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES OVER DATA.

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4. AT THE JULY 6 PLENARY MEETING, BOTH BELGIAN REP SMOLDEREN AND BULGARIAN REP DICHEV DELIVERED FORMAL STATEMENTS. IN HIS STATEMENT, BELGIAN REP POINTED OUT THAT THE JUNE 8 EASTERN PROPOSALS SOUGHT SPECIFIC AND FAR-REACHING FIRST PHASE COMMITMENTS FROM NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AS REGARDS THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SECOND PHASE REDUCTIONS. HE CALLED UPON THE EAST TO REVERT TO THE EARLIER UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY A GENERAL FIRST PHASE COMMITMENT SHOULD BE REQUIRED IN THIS REGARD AND THAT THE ISSUE OF THE ACTUAL MODALITIES OF SECOND PHASE REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE STRICTLY A MATTER FOR SECOND PHASE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE GDR STATEMENT AT THE JUNE 22 PLENARY MEETING, THE JULY 6 BULGARIAN PLENARY STATEMENT DEPARTED FROM COMMON PRACTICE IN THAT IT WAS GIVEN DURING A WEEK WHEN NORMALLY THE WEST WOULD HAVE PROVIDED THE ONLY PLENARY SPEAKER. THE STATEMENT ADDED NOTHING NEW OF SUBSTANCE AND WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED AS A DEVICE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT FOCUSED ON THE JUNE 8 EASTERN PROPOSALS. IN IT, BULGARIAN REP EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LATTER MOVE AS A COMPROMISE WHICH MET MORE THAN HALFWAY IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE WESTERN POSITION, NOTED THAT WESTERN STATES HAD RECOGNIZED ITS IMPORTANCE AND INDICATED THAT THE NEXT STEP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS UP TO THE WEST. BULGARIAN REP ALSO MADE A RENEWED APPEAL FOR WESTERN AGREEMENT TO THE EASTERN INTERIM FREEZE PROPOSAL, ACCUSED NATO OF SEEKING TO INCREASE AND

INTENSIFY THE ARMS RACE AND DENIED THAT THERE HAD
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BEEN ANY WARSAW PACT FORCE INCREASES IN THE REDUC-
TION AREA IN RECENT YEARS. EXCEPT FOR THE CHARGE
LEVIED AGAINST NATO, ALL OF THESE SAME POINTS
APPEARED IN THE EASTERN SPOKESMAN'S PREPARED
STATEMENT AT THE REGULAR POST-PLENARY PRESS BRIEFING.
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